

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

a first device preparing a message including information indicating a folder useable for storing data in a data store of the first device, wherein the message includes a header and a body, each in turn comprising one or more elements, with the body elements useable for providing commands in connection with synchronizing the first data store with respect to a data store in another device and also useable for conveying data from the data store; and

the first device sending the message to the other device;

wherein said information indicating the folder of the data store uniquely identifies the folder and is placed in the message in an element different from where data of the data store is placed or would be placed if included in the message.

2. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the element where the information indicating the folder is placed in a field of the message.

3. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein data of the data store is placed or would be placed in a data element of the message.

4. (Original) A method as in claim 3, wherein the data element is a data element of a protocol command element.

5. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the information indicating the folder is included in a non-data element of the message.

6. (Original) A method as in claim 5, wherein the non-data

element is a non-data element of a protocol command element.

7. Canceled.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a data identification element is contained in a protocol command element in the message, and the protocol command element in combination with the data identification element indicates the folder of the data store of the first device.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a data identification element is included in the message and the information indicating the folder of the data store of the first device is provided in the data identification element.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first device functions as a client in a client-server protocol and the second device as a server in the client-server protocol.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first device functions as a server in a client-server protocol and the second device as a client in the client-server protocol, and in preparing the message the first device is responsive to a client message from the second device and includes resolving any conflicts posed by the client message in respect to the data store of the first device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data in the data stores are used for device management by applications hosted on the devices.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data in the data stores are used as user data by applications hosted on the devices.

14. (Original) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor, with said computer program code characterized in that it includes instructions for performing the steps of the method of claim 1.

15. (Previously presented) A device, comprising:

a data store, for storing folders useable for storing data; and means for preparing a message including information indicating a folder in the data store, wherein the message includes a header and a body, each in turn comprising one or more elements, with the body elements useable for providing commands in connection with synchronizing the data store with respect to another data store in a second device and also useable for conveying data from the data store;

wherein said information indicating the folder of the data store uniquely identifies the folder, and the device is configured to place the information in the message in an element different from where data of the data store is placed or would be placed if included in the message.

16. (Original) A device as in claim 15, wherein the device is either a wireless communication terminal or a wireline communication terminal.

17. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 15, wherein the device is configured to function as a client in a client-server model.

18. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 15, wherein the device is configured to function as a server in a client-server model, and further comprises means for receiving a request to synchronize from the second device, and for then sending the

message in response to the request to synchronize.

19. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 15, further comprising means for receiving from the second device a message including information indicating a folder in the other data store, wherein the message includes a header and a body, each in turn comprising one or more elements, with the body elements useable for providing commands in connection with synchronizing the other data store with respect to the data store in the device and also useable for conveying data from the other data store, and wherein the device is configured to function as a server in a client-server model and includes means for resolving conflicts posed by the message.

20. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 15, wherein the data in the data store is used for device management by applications hosted on the device.

21. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 15, wherein the data in the data store is used as user data by applications hosted by the device.

22. (Previously presented) A system, comprising a device according to claim 15, and also comprising the second device hosting the other data store.

23. (Previously presented) A system as in claim 22, wherein the device is configured to function as a server in a client-server model and the second device functions as a client in the client-server model.

24. (Previously presented) A system as in claim 23, wherein the device is configured to send the message to the second device in response to a request sent by the second device to synchronize to

the second device.

25. (Previously presented) A device, comprising:

a data store, for storing folders useable for storing data;
and

a synchronization agent, for preparing a message including information indicating a folder in the data store, wherein the message includes a header and a body, each in turn comprising one or more elements, with the body elements useable for providing commands in connection with synchronizing the data store with respect to another data store in a second device and also useable for conveying data from the data store; and

wherein said information indicating the folder of the data store uniquely identifies the folder and the device is configured to place the information in the message in an element different from where data of the data store is placed or would be placed if included in the message.

26. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 25, wherein the device is either a wireless communication terminal or a wireline communication terminal.

27. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 25, wherein the device is configured to function as a client in a client-server model.

28. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 25, wherein the device is configured to function as a server in a client-server model, and further comprises a synchronization adapter for receiving a request to synchronize from the second device, and for then sending the message in response to the request to synchronize.

29. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 25, wherein the synchronization adapter is configured to receive from the second device a message including information indicating a folder in the other data store, wherein the message also includes a header and a body, each in turn comprising one or more elements, with the body elements useable for providing commands in connection with synchronizing the other data store with respect to the data store in the device and also useable for conveying data from the other data store, and wherein the device functions as a server in a client-server model and the synchronization agent is configured to resolve conflicts posed by the message.

30. (Previously presented) A device as in claim 25, wherein the data in the data store is used for device management by applications hosted on the device.